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In re Application of:)

T. Kleinwaechter)

Serial No.: 10/615,311)

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Examiner: A. Lang

Art Unit: 3731

For: **SURGICAL SAW BLADE**

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Response is responsive to the final Office Action mailed on January 9, 2007.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courteous and productive telephone interview held on March 13, 2007, the details of which are provided below.

Claims 1-20, 22, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arnegger (US 4,513,742) in view of Sonefors (US 5,361,665).

Claims 23-25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arnegger in view of Sonefors, in further view of Gerber (US 4,653,373).

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections in view of the following comments.

Summary of Telephone Interview and Discussion of Prior Art

Applicant's undersigned counsel conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner on March 13, 2006. During the telephone interview, Applicant's counsel pointed out differences